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BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 1104 GMT 18 APR 87
(TEXT) ISLAMABAD, APRIL 18 (XINHUA) -- THE GOVERNOR OF TAKHAR
PROVINCE IN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> BORDERING THE SOVIET UNION HAS DEFECTED
TO THE RESISTANCE SIDE RECENTLY.

HE CAME OVER ALONG WITH 500 TROOPS AT A TIME WHEN THE SOVIET
TROOPS WERE ENGAGED IN RETALIATORY ACTION FOLLOWING THE
RESISTANCE FORCES' RECENT THRUST INTO TAJIKISTAN OF THE SOVIET
UNION.

ACCORDING TO AGENCY <><>AFGHAN<><> PRESS (AAP) SOURCES HERE TODAY, THE
TAKHAR GOVERNOR, HIS BODY GUARDS AND SOME <><>KABUL<><> TROOPS REACHED
THE HEADQUARTERS OF A RESISTANCE GROUP ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 11.

DIPLOMATS HERE DESCRIBED THIS INCIDENT AS A FAILURE FOR THE
SOVIET TROOPS TO CONDUCT WIDE SCALE RETALIATORY OPERATIONS IN TAKHAR
AND KUNDUZ PROVINCES BOTH BORDERING THE SOVIET UNION. (ENDALL) 181134

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